

KNX Offers \$5,000 for Tower Saboteurs

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WINS CITATION . . . George S. Wing, president of Hi-Shear Corp. of Torrance, accepts a government citation from E. A. Lusk, Small Business Administration regional chief, during award ceremonies in Los Angeles. Hi-Shear Corp. and four other Los Angeles area firms were honored at the meeting for their contributions to the Gemini 5 mission.

Hi-Shear Honored for Gemini 5 Contributions

Hi-Shear Corp. of Torrance was one of five Los Angeles area aerospace companies to receive government awards for contributions to the successful flight of Gemini 5. The awards were presented by E. A. Lusk, regional chief

Rivieran Held for Weed Jag

A 21-year-old Riviera man was arrested Friday on suspicion of possession of marijuana after he called the Torrance Police Department to report "someone smoking marijuana."

Kenneth Henry Lister of 317 Via Anita met police officers on the porch of his home and told them he believed he was under the influence of marijuana. He asked to be taken to a hospital.

During questioning, Lister told officers he had found several marijuana seeds in Northern California and, according to officers, admitted trying to grow the seeds. Officers discovered several marijuana plants in the backyard.

City Airport Celebrates With Open House Program

Council Faces 8 Hearings

Torrance councilmen will get down to serious business after a light summer by conducting eight formal hearings Tuesday. The session will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Among items to be heard are a variance to permit a helistop on the roof of a proposed 14-story office building and a conditional use permit for the development of a cemetery.

The helistop would be located on the roof of an office building which is proposed for the northwest corner of Madrona Avenue and Torrance Boulevard. The city planning department has recommended approval of the variance.

PLANNING officials point that a helistop is used only for occasional landings and is not a heliport. The variance is being sought by C. N. Cate, who proposes to develop a 14-story high rise office building.

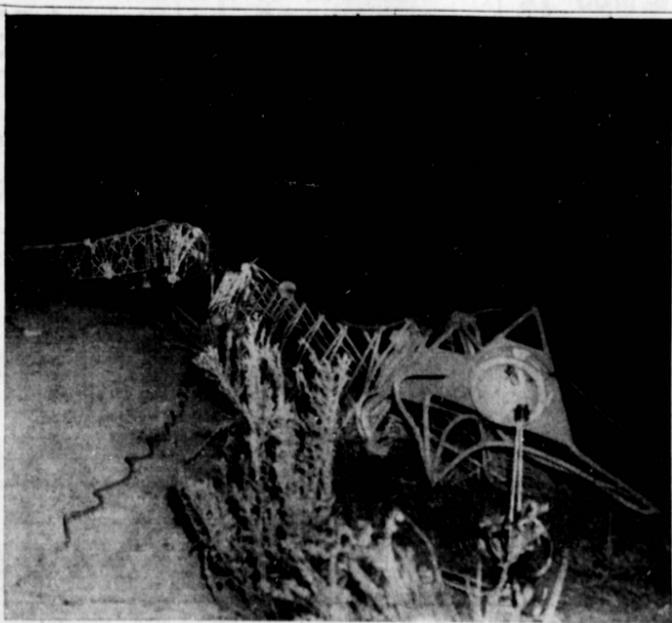
Protests against the proposed helistop have been received from 19 homeowners in the immediate area. A petition signed by 28 persons also opposes the helistop.

Hearings on a change of zone and parking variance in connection with the development of the high rise structure also are scheduled.

THE ZONE change involves property between Maricopa Street and the extension of Amie Avenue. The planning commission has recommended a change to P-1.

A reduction in the parking required for the proposed building has been recommended for denial by the Planning Commission. Cate is seeking a reduction from 1,053 spaces to 336 spaces.

The Planning Commission has said it would recommend (Continued on page B-4)



OFF THE AIR . . . The tangled skeleton of the 500-foot KNX tower, for more than 25 years a landmark at 190th Street and Hawthorne Avenue, is shown here minutes after it was felled by saboteurs at 10:40 p.m. Wednesday. The station's AM band was silent until 10 p.m. Thursday, nearly 24 hours and the longest since the tower was put on the air in 1938. (Press-Herald Photo)

Station Silent 23 Hours After Tower Cable Sawed

Radio station KNX, whose 500-foot broadcasting tower has been a landmark at 190th Street and Hawthorne Avenue since 1938, was back on the air Thursday evening at 10, ending a silence of nearly 24 hours which had followed the wrecking of the tower.

A temporary antenna strung between tall power poles put in place by Southern California Edison Co. crews Thursday permitted the CBS station to come back on the AM band with the 10 p.m. news broadcast Thursday. The station's standard broadcast band had been silenced at 10:40 p.m. Wednesday.

Police lieutenants D. C. Cook and Gus Rethwisch said at the scene Wednesday night that one of the supporting

cables had been cut through. A broken hacksaw blade was found near the spot where someone had sawed through a heavy steel turnbuckle to sever the supporting cable.

Robert P. Sutton, vice president of CBS Radio and general manager of KNX, reported Friday that a reward of \$5,000 was being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for "this attack on free radio." In an editorial

broadcast throughout the day Friday, Sutton called the tower destruction an act of sabotage and said that if it was designed to keep KNX from speaking out firmly on issues of the day, it "had failed in its purpose."

Sutton said KNX "would not be silenced." Witnesses told Torrance police that two persons were seen running from the field just after the tower fell. A search of a nearby nursery failed to turn up any suspects.

Three Hurt in City Traffic Collisions

Three persons were injured and a fourth person was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving in three separate traffic accidents here Friday evening and early Saturday.

Mark Green, 4, of 16915 Taylor Court, was admitted to Little Company of Mary Hospital about 6:30 p.m. Friday after he ran into a car on 169th Place. The youngster sustained multiple injuries.

Driver of the car was Robert Lee Williams, 31, of 2212 Carnegie Lane, Redondo Beach. He told Torrance police he had slowed to about 15 miles per hour while westbound on 169th Place because several children were playing near the street.

EARLIER Friday evening, Torrance police arrested George Lydon Hatton, 58, of 4717 Narrot St., on suspicion of drunk driving following a minor accident on 190th Street. Hatton pulled away from the curb into traffic and struck a car driven by Ruby S. Tomiyoshi, 26.

Both vehicles sustained minor damage. Police said neither driver was hurt.

To Observe Anniversary

Gardena, now celebrating its 35th anniversary as an incorporated city, has received official congratulations from Torrance councilmen.

In a resolution adopted unanimously, councilmen urged Torrance residents to "actively participate" in the celebrations which have been scheduled Sept. 23 through 26 in Gardena.

Aircraft Firms To Offer Rides 'By the Pound'

Bi-planes, antique cars, airplane rides, and military and aircraft demonstrations are planned today at the Torrance Municipal Airport as the city observes its annual Airport Day. Jack Egan, airport manager, has extended an invitation to all citizens to visit the facility during the day-long open house.

Top features of the event will be airplane rides for two cents a pound, or, if you prefer, helicopter rides at three cents a pound.

Fly-by demonstrations of experimental aircraft are scheduled, and several old planes will be exhibited. Egan said more modern light aircraft also will be on display, as will a scale model of the Air Force's Atlas missile.

FIRE FIGHTING equipment used by the Los Angeles County Fire Department will be demonstrated during the day, Egan said. One of the county's huge air tankers, used to dump chemicals in mountain areas, and a helicopter used to lay fire hose in inaccessible areas will be demonstrated.

The Navy will send one of its SH3A helicopters. The Navy helicopter is used in submarine detection work.

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In Schools

Torrance Welcomes Newcomers

When Torrance teachers returned to their classrooms this week, they were joined by 220 newcomers. Included in the group were 140 new elementary teachers and 80 high school teachers.

Almost half the new faculty members—104 to be exact—are new to the profession, having completed college last June. The remaining 116 have had previous successful teaching experience, according to Dr. Robert Morton, assistant superintendent in charge of personnel.

California colleges trained half the newcomers, with the majority coming from Long Beach State College, the University of California, and the University of Southern California.

New high school teachers include 18 English majors, 10 mathematics majors, 9 business education majors, and 7 social science majors.

Among the group were 17 former Torrance teachers who were returning to the district and 15 former substitutes who decided to teach full-time.

Parish High School Set For Monday

The first class of the 1965-66 school year for Parish High School of Religion, under the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, will begin tomorrow from 7 to 8 p.m. according to the Rev. Raymond Tepe, pastor of St. Catherine Labouré Catholic Church.

Instructions and discussion, which are adapted to the student's grade level, will be held at the parish school, 3846 W. Redondo Beach Blvd.

Enrollment Record Set . . .

Unofficial figures for first-day enrollment in the Torrance schools topped the 1964 figures by more than 700, school officials reported Friday. A total of 32,586 students were in classes Wednesday, compared to a first-day count of 31,865 last year. Breakdown of the figures shows 23,918 elementary students and 8,668 enrolled in the four high schools. Total enrollment is expected to top 33,000 by Oct. 1.

Aeronca Wins Contract . . .

A follow-on production contract for approximately \$2 million has been awarded Aeronca Manufacturing Corp. by the Commercial Airplane Division of the Boeing Co. The Aeronca Division of Torrance will produce major air-frame assemblies for Boeing's commercial jet transports, according to A. C. Handschumacher, chairman of Aeronca's board of directors. Production for the Boeing contract will begin immediately and continue into late 1967, Handschumacher said.

Unloaded Gun Is Loaded . . .

Leon Walter Stots, 21, suffered a minor gunshot wound in his left shoulder when a .22-caliber semi-automatic rifle discharged accidentally early yesterday. Stots, 26550 Earl St., was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital. He told Torrance police he thought the gun was unloaded and was cleaning it at the time of the accident.



CONTINUE COMPETITION . . . The Proper Strangers, a dance band composed of students from the Carson area, placed among the top 10 bands in the Countdown '65 semi-finals held last week and will compete in the finals soon. Band members are, from left, Tony Jimenez, Randy Gibson, David Wilson, Paul Capitano, and Rodger Ellis. The band plays for parties and dances. Capitano is manager and may be telephoned at 835-1819.